



## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Office of the Secretary**

### **6 CFR Chs. I and II**

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### **Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This regulatory agenda is a semiannual summary of projected regulations, existing regulations, and completed actions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its components. This agenda provides the public with information about DHS's regulatory and deregulatory activity. DHS expects that this information will enable the public to be more aware of, and effectively participate in, the Department's regulatory and deregulatory activity. DHS invites the public to submit comments on any aspect of this agenda.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DHS provides this notice pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, Sept. 19, 1980) and Executive Order 12866 “Regulatory Planning and Review” (Sept. 30, 1993) as incorporated in Executive Order 13563 “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review” (Jan. 18, 2011) and Executive Order 13771 “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs” (Jan. 30, 2017), which require the Department to publish a semiannual agenda of regulations. The regulatory agenda is a summary of existing and projected regulations as well as actions completed since the publication of the last regulatory agenda for the Department. DHS’s last semiannual regulatory agenda was published on June 24, 2019, at 84 FR 29636.

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#### Office of the Secretary—Final Rule Stage

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266	Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Privacy Training (HSAR Case 2015-003)	1601-AA79

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		Number
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278	Implementation of the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program <b>(Section 610 Review)</b>	1651–AA77

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### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—Proposed Rule Stage

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280	Visa Security Program Fee ( <b>Reg Plan Seq No. 86</b> )	1653-AA77

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283	Apprehension, Processing, Care and Custody of Alien Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children	1653-AA75

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		Number
284	Ammonium Nitrate Security Program	1670-AA00
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Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Final Rule Stage
Office of the Secretary (OS)	

**264. HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION REGULATION: SAFEGUARDING OF CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED SENSITIVE INFORMATION (HSAR CASE 2015-001)**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Fully or Partially Exempt

**Legal Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301 to 302; 41 U.S.C. 1302; 41 U.S.C. 1303; 41 U.S.C. 1707

**Abstract:** This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would implement security and privacy measures to ensure Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), such as Personally Identifiable Information (PII), is adequately safeguarded by DHS contractors. Specifically, the rule would define key terms, outline security requirements and inspection provisions for contractor information technology (IT) systems that store, process or transmit CUI, institute incident notification and response procedures, and identify post-incident credit monitoring requirements.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/19/17	82 FR 6429
NPRM Comment Period End	03/20/17	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	03/20/17	82 FR 14341
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	04/19/17	
Final Rule	09/00/20	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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## **265. HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION REGULATION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING (HSAR CASE 2015-002)**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Fully or Partially Exempt

**Legal Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 41 U.S.C. 1707; 41 U.S.C. 1302 and 1303

**Abstract:** This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would standardize information technology security awareness training and DHS Rules of Behavior requirements for contractor and subcontractor employees who access DHS information systems and information resources or contractor-owned and/or operated information systems and information resources capable of collecting, processing, storing, or transmitting controlled unclassified information (CUI).

#### **Timetable:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>FR Cite</b>
NPRM	01/19/17	82 FR 6446
NPRM Comment Period End	03/20/17	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	03/20/17	82 FR 14341



NPRM Comment Period	04/19/17	
Extended End		
Final Rule	09/00/20	

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## **266. HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION REGULATION: PRIVACY TRAINING (HSAR CASE 2015-003)**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Fully or Partially Exempt

**Legal Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 41 U.S.C. 1707; 41 U.S.C. 1702; 41 U.S.C. 1303

**Abstract:** This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would require contractors to complete training that addresses the protection of privacy, in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, and the handling and safeguarding of Personally Identifiable Information and Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information.

### **Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/19/17	82 FR 6425

NPRM Comment Period End	03/20/17	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	03/20/17	82 FR 14341
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	04/19/17	
Final Rule	09/00/20	

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**RIN:** 1601–AA79

<b>Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</b>	<b>Long-Term Actions</b>
<b>Office of the Secretary (OS)</b>	

**267. HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION REGULATION, ENHANCEMENT OF WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** sec. 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013, (Pub. L. 112–239, enacted January 2, 2013); 41 U.S.C. 1302(a)(2); 41 U.S.C. 1707

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to amend its Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) parts 3003 and 3052 to implement section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013) for the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Section 827 of the NDAA for FY 2013 established enhancements to the Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees for all agencies subject to section 2409 of title 10, United States Code, which includes the USCG.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/20	

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**RIN:** 1601–AA72

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Proposed Rule Stage
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)	

**268. REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING MOTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a; 8 U.S.C. 1101; 8 U.S.C. 1103; 8 U.S.C. 1304; 6 U.S.C. 112

**Abstract:** This rule proposes to revise the requirements and procedures for the filing of motions and appeals before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and its Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The proposed changes are intended to streamline the existing processes for filing motions and appeals and are intended to reduce delays in the review and

appellate process. This rule will also propose additional changes necessitated by the establishment of DHS and its components. The proposed changes are intended to promote simplicity, accessibility, and efficiency in the administration of USCIS appeals and motions. The Department will also solicit public comment on proposed changes to the AAO's appellate jurisdiction.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/19	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1615–AB98

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## **269. EB–5 IMMIGRANT INVESTOR REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAM**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5); Pub. L. 102–395, secs. 610 and 601(a); Pub. L. 107–273, sec. 11037; Pub. L. 101–649, sec. 121(a); Pub. L. 105–119, sec. 116; Pub. L. 106–396, sec. 402; Pub. L. 108–156, sec. 4; Pub. L. 112–176, sec. 1; Pub. L. 114–113, sec. 575; Pub. L. 114–53, sec. 131; Pub. L. 107–273

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is considering making regulatory changes to the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program. DHS issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to seek comment from the public on several topics, including: (1) The process for initially designating entities as regional centers, (2) a potential requirement for regional centers to utilize an exemplar filing process, (3) continued participation requirements for maintaining regional center

designation; and (4) the process for terminating regional center designation. While DHS has gathered some information related to these topics, the ANPRM sought additional information that can help the Department make operational and security updates to the Regional Center Program while minimizing the impact of such changes on regional center operations and EB-5 investors.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/11/17	82 FR 3211
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/11/17	
NPRM	08/00/20	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1615–AC11

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## **270. REMOVING H–4 DEPENDENT SPOUSES FROM THE CLASSES OF ALIENS ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

**Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 67 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**RIN:** 1615–AC15

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## **271. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE AND CHANGES TO CERTAIN OTHER IMMIGRATION BENEFIT REQUEST REQUIREMENTS**

**Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 68 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**RIN:** 1615–AC18

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## 272. ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF IMMIGRATION BENEFIT REQUESTS

**Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 70 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**RIN:** 1615–AC20

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Completed Actions
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)	

## 273. INADMISSIBILITY ON PUBLIC CHARGE GROUNDS

**EO 13771 Designation:** Regulatory

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1101 to 1103; 8 U.S.C. 1182 and 1183; ...

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposed to codify in regulations how it will implement the public charge ground of inadmissibility under 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(4) on October 10, 2018. After reviewing public feedback on that proposed rule, on August 14, 2019, DHS issued a final rule amending our regulations to prescribe how DHS will determine if an alien is inadmissible on public charge grounds.

### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/26/99	64 FR 28676
NPRM Comment Period End	07/26/99	
NPRM	10/10/18	83 FR 51114
NPRM Comment Period End	12/10/18	
Final Rule	08/14/19	84 FR 41292
Final Rule Effective	10/15/19	
Final Rule; Correction	10/02/19	84 FR 52357
Final Rule Effective;	10/15/19	

Correction		
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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1615–AA22

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## 274. EB–5 IMMIGRANT INVESTOR PROGRAM MODERNIZATION

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)

**Abstract:** In January 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposed to amend its regulations governing the employment-based, fifth preference (EB-5) immigrant investor classification. In general, under the EB-5 program, individuals are eligible to apply for lawful permanent residence in the United States if they make the necessary investment in a commercial enterprise in the United States and create or, in certain circumstances, preserve 10 permanent full-time jobs for qualified U.S. workers. This rule sought public comment on a number of proposed changes to the EB-5 program regulations. Such proposed changes included: raising the minimum investment amount; allowing certain EB-5 petitioners to retain their original priority date; changing the designation process for targeted employment areas; and other miscellaneous changes to filing and interview processes. On July 25, 2019, DHS issued a final rule. This final rule changes certain aspects of the EB-5 program that are in need of reform and updates the regulations to reflect statutory changes and codify existing policies. This final rule makes five major categories of revisions to the existing EB-5 program regulations. Three of these categories, which involve (i) priority date retention; (ii) increasing the investment amounts; and (iii) reforming the TEA designations, are substantive. The two other major categories, focused on (iv) the removal of conditions; and (v) miscellaneous changes, involve generally technical adjustments to the EB-5 program.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/13/17	82 FR 4738
NPRM Comment Period End	04/11/17	
Final Rule	07/24/19	84 FR 35750
Final Rule Effective	11/21/19	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1615–AC07

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Proposed Rule Stage
U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)	

**275. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY—VESSELS; SUPERSEDED POLLUTION FUNDS (USCG–2017–0788)**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Not subject to, not significant

**Legal Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 2704; 33 U.S.C. 2716 and 2716a; 42 U.S.C. 9607 to 9609; 6 U.S.C. 552; E.O. 12580; sec. 7(b), 3 CFR, 1987; Comp., p. 193; E.O. 12777, secs. 4 and 5, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351, as amended by E.O. 13286, sec. 89, 3; 3 CFR, 2004 Comp., p. 166, and by E.O. 13638, sec. 1, 3 CFR, 2014 Comp., p.227; Department of Homeland; Security Delegation Nos. 0170.1 and 5110, Revision 01



**Abstract:** The Coast Guard proposes to amend its rule on vessel financial responsibility to include tank vessels greater than 100 gross tons, to clarify and strengthen the rule's reporting requirements, to conform its rule to current practice, and to remove two superseded regulations. This rulemaking will ensure the Coast Guard has current information when there are significant changes in a vessel's operation, ownership, or evidence of financial responsibility, and reflect current best practices in the Coast Guard's management of the Certificate of Financial Responsibility Program. This rulemaking will also promote the Coast Guard's missions of maritime stewardship, maritime security, and maritime safety.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/19	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1625-AC39

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Long-Term Actions
U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)	

**276. COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS—IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 AND 2012 LEGISLATION**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** Pub. L. 111-281

**Abstract:** The Coast Guard proposes to implement those requirements of 2010 and 2012 legislation that pertain to uninspected commercial fishing industry vessels and that took effect upon enactment of the legislation but that, to be implemented, require amendments to Coast Guard regulations affecting those

vessels. The applicability of the regulations is being changed, and new requirements are being added to safety training, equipment, vessel examinations, vessel safety standards, the documentation of maintenance, and the termination of unsafe operations. This rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's maritime safety mission.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/21/16	81 FR 40437
NPRM Comment Period Extended	08/15/16	81 FR 53986
NPRM Comment Period End	10/19/16	
Second NPRM Comment Period End	12/18/16	
Final Rule	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1625-AB85

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Long-Term Actions
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)	

**277. IMPORTER SECURITY FILING AND ADDITIONAL CARRIER REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 610 REVIEW)**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Regulatory

**Legal Authority:** Pub. L. 109–347, sec. 203; 5 U.S.C. 301; 19 U.S.C. 66; 19 U.S.C. 1431; 19 U.S.C. 1433 and 1434; 19 U.S.C. 1624; 19 U.S.C. 2071 (note); 46 U.S.C. 60105

**Abstract:** This final rule implements the provisions of section 203 of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006. On November 25, 2008, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published an interim final rule (CBP Dec. 08–46) in the Federal Register (73 FR 71730), that finalized most of the provisions proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. It requires carrier and importers to provide to CBP, via a CBP approved electronic data interchange system, certain advance information pertaining to cargo brought into the United States by vessel to enable CBP to identify high-risk shipments to prevent smuggling and ensure cargo safety and security. The interim final rule did not finalize six data elements that were identified as areas of potential concern for industry during the rulemaking process and, for which, CBP provided some type of flexibility for compliance with those data elements. CBP solicited public comment on these six data elements and also invited comments on the revised Regulatory Assessment and Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. (See 73 FR 71782-85 for regulatory text and 73 CFR 71733-34 for general discussion.) The remaining requirements of the rule were adopted as final.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/02/08	73 FR 90
NPRM Comment Period End	03/03/08	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	02/01/08	73 FR 6061
NPRM Comment Period End	03/18/08	
Interim Final Rule	11/25/08	73 FR 71730
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/26/09	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/01/09	
Correction	07/14/09	74 FR 33920

Correction	12/24/09	74 FR 68376
Final Action	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**RIN:** 1651–AA70

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## **278. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM–CNMI VISA WAIVER PROGRAM (SECTION 610 REVIEW)**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Fully or Partially Exempt

**Legal Authority:** Pub. L. 110–229, sec. 702

**Abstract:** The interim final rule amends Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations to implement section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA). This law extends the immigration laws of the United States to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and provides for a joint visa waiver program for travel to Guam and the CNMI. This rule implements section 702 of the CNRA by amending the regulations to replace the current Guam Visa Waiver Program with a new Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. The amended regulations set forth the requirements for nonimmigrant visitors who seek admission for business or pleasure and solely for entry into and stay on Guam or the CNMI without a visa. This rule also establishes six ports of entry in the CNMI for purposes of administering and enforcing the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. Section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA), subject to a transition period, extends the immigration laws of the United States to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and provides for a visa waiver program for travel to Guam and/or the CNMI. On January 16, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued an interim final rule in the Federal Register replacing the then-existing Guam Visa Waiver Program with the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and setting forth the requirements for nonimmigrant visitors seeking admission into Guam and/or the CNMI

under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. As of November 28, 2009, the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program is operational. This program allows nonimmigrant visitors from eligible countries to seek admission for business or pleasure for entry into Guam and/or the CNMI without a visa for a period of authorized stay not to exceed 45 days. This rulemaking would finalize the January 2009 interim final rule.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/16/09	74 FR 2824
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/16/09	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/17/09	
Technical Amendment; Change of Implementation Date	05/28/09	74 FR 25387
Final Action	12/00/20	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

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**RIN:** 1651-AA77

<b>Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</b>	<b>Final Rule Stage</b>
<b>Transportation Security Administration (TSA)</b>	

**279. SECURITY TRAINING FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES**

**Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 85 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 1652-AA55

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Proposed Rule Stage
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)	

**280. VISA SECURITY PROGRAM FEE**

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Final Rule Stage
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)	

**281. PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR DECLINING SURETY IMMIGRATION BONDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL REQUIREMENT FOR BREACHES**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Not subject to, not significant

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103

**Abstract:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) proposes to set forth standards and procedures ICE will follow before making a determination to stop accepting immigration bonds posted by a surety company that has been certified to issue bonds by the Department of the Treasury when the company does not cure deficient performance. Treasury administers the Federal corporate surety program and, in its current regulations, allows agencies to prescribe "for cause" standards and procedures for declining to accept new bonds from Treasury-certified sureties. ICE would also require surety companies seeking to overturn a breach determination to file an administrative appeal raising all legal and factual defenses.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/05/18	83 FR 25951
NPRM Comment Period End	08/06/18	
Final Action	12/00/19	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Completed Actions
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)	

## **282. ADJUSTING PROGRAM FEES FOR THE STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Not subject to, not significant

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1372; 8 U.S.C. 1762; 8 U.S.C. 1101; 8 U.S.C. 1356; 31 U.S.C 901 to 903; 31 U.S.C. 902; ...

**Abstract:** This final rule adjusted fees that the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) charges individuals and organizations. In 2017, SEVP conducted a comprehensive fee study and determined that current fees do not recover the full costs of the services provided. ICE determined that adjusting fees was necessary to fully recover the increased costs of SEVP operations, program requirements, and to provide the necessary funding to sustain initiatives critical to supporting national security. The SEVP fee schedule was last adjusted in a rule published on September 26, 2008.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/17/18	83 FR 33762
NPRM Comment Period End	09/17/18	
Final Action	05/23/19	84 FR 23930
Final Action Effective	06/24/19	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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**283. APPREHENSION, PROCESSING, CARE AND CUSTODY OF ALIEN MINORS AND UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Regulatory

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103; 8 U.S.C. 1182; 8 U.S.C. 1225 to 1227; 8 U.S.C. 1362

**Abstract:** In 1985, a class-action suit challenged the policies of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) relating to the detention, processing, and release of alien children; the case eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court upheld the constitutionality of the challenged INS regulations on their face and remanded the case for further proceedings consistent with its opinion. In January 1997, the parties reached a comprehensive settlement agreement, referred to as the Flores Settlement Agreement (FSA). The FSA was to terminate five years after the date of final court approval; however, the termination provisions were modified in 2001, such that the FSA does not terminate until 45 days after publication of regulations implementing the agreement.

Since 1997, intervening statutory changes, including passage of the Homeland Security Act (HSA) and the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA), have



significantly changed the applicability of certain provisions of the FSA. The rule codifies the relevant and substantive terms of the FSA and enables the U.S. Government to seek termination of the FSA and litigation concerning its enforcement. Through this rule, DHS and HHS have created a pathway to ensure the humane detention of family units while satisfying the goals of the FSA. The rule also implements related provisions of the TVPRA.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/07/18	83 FR 45486
NPRM Comment Period End	11/06/18	
Final Rule	08/23/19	84 FR 44392
Final Rule Effective	10/22/19	

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Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Long-Term Actions
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)	

**284. AMMONIUM NITRATE SECURITY PROGRAM**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 6 U.S.C. 488 et seq.

**Abstract:** This rulemaking will implement the December 2007 amendment to the Homeland Security Act titled "Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate." The amendment requires the Department of Homeland

Security to "regulate the sale and transfer of ammonium nitrate by an ammonium nitrate facility...to prevent the misappropriation or use of ammonium nitrate in an act of terrorism." In June 2019, DHS published a notice announcing the availability of a redacted version of a technical report titled Ammonium Nitrate Security Program Technical Assessment. Sandia National Laboratories developed the report. DHS requested public comments on the report and its application to the proposed definition of ammonium nitrate. DHS will review and consider all the comments received and then determine the next appropriate steps for this rulemaking.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/29/08	73 FR 64280
ANPRM Correction	11/05/08	73 FR 65783
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/29/08	
NPRM	08/03/11	76 FR 46908
Notice of Public Meetings	10/07/11	76 FR 62311
Notice of Public Meetings	11/14/11	76 FR 70366
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/11	
Notice of Availability	06/03/19	84 FR 25495
Notice of Availability Comment Period End	09/03/19	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

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## 285. CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS (CFATS)

**EO 13771 Designation:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 6 U.S.C. 621 to 629

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) previously invited public comment on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) for potential revisions to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulations. The ANPRM provided an opportunity for the public to provide recommendations for possible program changes. DHS is reviewing the public comments received in response to the ANPRM, after which DHS intends to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In addition, DHS intends to publish a notice announcing the availability of a retrospective analysis of the data, assumptions, and methodology that were used to support the 2007 CFATS interim final rule. The intent of the retrospective analysis is to determine the most accurate assessment of the costs and burdens of the program and to update or confirm previous cost estimates based on observed data from the operation of the CFATS program since 2007.

### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/18/14	79 FR 48693
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/17/14	
NPRM	To Be	Determined

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